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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

BEHR ET AL.

Examiner

Karabi Guharay

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Amendment, filed on 2/17/06.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 5-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Response to Amendment

Amendment, filed on 2/17/06 has been considered and entered.

Amendment of title is acknowledged.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 5-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Alloway et al. (US 6467942).

Regarding claim 5, Alloway et al. disclose a lamp (see Fig 1, lines 16-46 of column 3) having at least one luminous means (filament 32) that is surrounded by at least one lamp vessel (18) and having a lamp base (34, 38) that is fixed on the at least one lamp vessel and which has a base part (38) consists of an electrically insulating material (lines 47-50 of column 3) and is provided with at least two first electric contacts (connection portion 22, 26 & 30) that are connected in an electrically conducting fashion to the at least one luminous means (32) where said base part has at least two second electric contact (20, 24, 28, elongated extending portion of terminal 12, 14, & 16 which are covered with insulation) in each case one of the second electric contacts being connected in an electrically conducting fashion to one of said first electric contacts (see Fig 1).

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Regarding claim 6, Alloway et al. disclose that the second electric contacts (20, 24, 28) are mechanically connected to the respective first electric contacts (22, 26, 30) and the second electric contacts are arranged transverse to the respective first electric contact (see Fig 1).

Regarding claim 7, Alloway et al. disclose that the second electric contacts and respective first electric contacts connected to them are designed as unipartite angular contact lug (see Fig 1 & 2).

Regarding claim 8, Alloway et al. disclose that the first electric contacts (22,26,30) extend in the longitudinal extend of the lamp, and the second electric contacts (20,24,28) extend transverse to the longitudinal extend of the lamp (see Fig 1 & 2).

Regarding claim 9, Alloway et al. disclose that the base part (38) consists of an electrically insulating plastic (lines 47-49 of column 3).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-4 are allowed over the prior art of record.

Examiner's Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reason for allowance:

Amendments of claim 1 overcome the rejection of claims 1-4.

Further, the prior art of record neither shows nor suggests a lamp comprising all the limitations set forth in claim 1, particularly comprising the limitation of "two first electric contacts formed mechanically to mate with an electric plug and thereby supply electric power", together with the limitation of "two second electric contacts formed to mate mechanically with an alternative electric power to the

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same at least one luminous means, in each case one of the second electric contacts being connected in an electrically conducting fashion to in each case one of the first electric contacts”.

Claims 2-4 are rejected for the same reason as stated in claim 1, for their dependency status from claim 1.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, which are pertinent with respect to claim 5, filed 2/17/06 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant contends that 20, 24 & 28 are wires and do not form a plug connection, free hanging wires do not form plug connection.

In response, examiner respectfully presents that 20, 24 & 28 are the part of electrode terminals (12,14,16), which go to power terminal (lines 29-35 of column 3), thus these terminal do form power plug connection. However, any contact terminals of a lamp are in hanging position when it is not plugged to power.

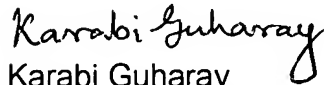
Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Karabi Guharay whose telephone number is (571) 272-2452. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nimeshkumar D. Patel can be reached on (571) 272-2457. The fax phone number for the organization is (571) 273-8300

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